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1. The average travel time for the journey from Mukden to Chinohou (121-07, 41-07) is six or seven days. Refugees passing through Chinese Communist controlled areas are subject to inspection by Chinese Communist troops and Chinese Communist Government officials, but if the traveler is accompanied by his family it is not difficult to pass through Communist areas.

2. The first day's travel, from Mukden to Esimmin (122-48, 41-59), is the easiest part of the trip as the Chinese Nationalist controlled railroad is in operation between the two cities.

3. After leaving Esimmin it is necessary to walk as far as Panlamen (approximately 122-23, 41-52), a distance of 45 kilometers, before any means of transportation is available. At Panlamen it is possible to take a horse carriage for the continuation of the journey. This sector is reasonably safe and few Communist patrols are active in the area.

4. Between Panlamen and Huchiaiwopeng (122-10, 41-46) there is more patrol activity, but the traveler is only casually inspected.

5. From Huchiaiwopeng to Heishan (122-05, 41-42) and from Heishan to Peichen (121-44, 41-36) travel restrictions are more strict and all refugees are inspected by officials of the Chinese Communist Government. From Peichen to Changhsingtien (approximately 121-42, 41-28) inspection patrols are very active.

6. The sector between Changhsingtien and Shihshanchan (121-32, 41-14) is free from inspection patrols, with the exception of a check point at Shihshanchan. From Shihshanchan to Chinohou is a comparatively safe zone and the traveler is not molested.

7. It is not safe to carry more than NEC 200,000 dollars. Fountain pens, diaries, and currency larger than NEC 500 dollar notes are confiscated.

8. NEC 3,000 dollars is adequate for one day's expenses, and NEC 100,000 dollars is enough for the entire journey, carriage fare included.

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